

SIXTY NINTH LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

EIGHTY FIFTH DAY

House Chamber, Olympia, Monday, April 7, 2025

The House was called to order at 9:55 a.m. by the Speaker (Representative Fitzgibbon presiding).

Reading of the Journal of the previous day was dispensed with and it was ordered to stand approved.

RESOLUTION

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-4645, by Representatives Dent, Dufault, Walen, Orcutt, Burnett, Ryu, Klicker, Salahuddin, Bernbaum, Ley, Schmick, Bronoske, Zahn, Duerr, Fosse, Waters, Donaghy, Morgan, Parshley, Stonier, Steele, Callan, Stuebe, Nance, and Dye

WHEREAS, On January 29, 2025, Harry R. Anderson of Bainbridge Island, Washington, became the first person in history to both fly and sail solo to all seven continents; and

WHEREAS, Harry has flown solo in his small, single-engine airplane, a Lancair Columbia 300, tail number N788W, around the world twice, once eastbound in 2011 and once westbound in 2019. Harry has been awarded Circumnavigator Diplomas from the Federation Aeronautique Internationale (FAI) in Switzerland for those flights; and

WHEREAS, On January 31, 2014, Harry landed his aircraft in Antarctica, becoming only the fifth person to fly solo to all seven continents; and

WHEREAS, On July 16, 2018, Harry flew solo in his aircraft over the North Pole from Resolute, Canada, to Longyearbyen in the Svalbard Islands, Norway. A transpolar flight of 10.5 hours covering more than 1,600 nautical miles; and

WHEREAS, On January 29, 2025, Harry arrived back in the United States of America, completing his solo voyage to all seven continents and a circumnavigation of the earth. He spent 350 days at sea, traveling over 38,000 nautical miles on his 43-foot sailboat, an Allures 40.9 named *Phywave*; and

WHEREAS, Harry's courageous solo flying and sailing achievements can serve as an inspiration to other adventurers in the State of Washington and around the World;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives recognize and honor the flying and sailing achievements of Harry R. Anderson; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Harry R. Anderson.

With the consent of the House, HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4645 was adopted.

RESOLUTION

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-4649, by Representatives Thai, Entenman, Duerr, Ryu, Abell, Parshley, Eslick, Zahn, Chase, Taylor, Cortes, Santos, Thomas, Nance, Walen, Burnett, Leavitt, and Berg

WHEREAS, In the spring of 1975, the withdrawal of American troops from Vietnam and the reduction of aid displaced hundreds of thousands of Southeast Asian refugees; and

WHEREAS, In response, Governor Daniel Evans of Washington state recognized the humanitarian crisis and took decisive action to welcome refugees seeking safety and new opportunities; and

WHEREAS, President Gerald Ford initiated Operation Babylift to bring Vietnamese orphans to the United States, with a

Pan Am 747 carrying 407 orphans landing at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport on April 6, 1975; and

WHEREAS, Washington Secretary of State Bruce Chapman emphasized America's moral obligation to support displaced people and provide them with opportunities for resettlement; and

WHEREAS, Governor Evans declared Washington's readiness to accommodate refugees, creating a task force to oversee their resettlement and ensure their successful integration; and

WHEREAS, On May 20, 1975, the first group of 34 refugees arrived at Camp Murray, where pre-World War II cottages were refurbished to provide temporary housing; and

WHEREAS, The Washington community demonstrated extraordinary support by donating resources, volunteering, and establishing host family programs; and

WHEREAS, President Ford provided support for the nationwide relocation of refugees and appointed Governor Evans to a Presidential Refugee Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, By Christmas 1975, 4,052 Southeast Asian refugees had settled in Washington, making it home to the fifth-largest Indochinese refugee population in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Additional waves of Indochinese refugees, including 1.6 million *Boat people*, resettled to third-party countries between 1975 and 1997; and

WHEREAS, Upwards of 600,000 individuals lost their lives due to economic sanctions and political persecution; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing the ongoing need for support, refugee leaders convened in 1977 for the first conference focused on continued assistance and integration efforts; and

WHEREAS, A third wave of refugees resettled in the 1980s, further enriching the cultural and economic fabric of Washington State; and

WHEREAS, Governor Evans declared that closing the door to refugees would be "the worst kind of hypocrisy," reaffirming Washington's long-standing commitment to humanitarian efforts and inclusion;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnamese, Lao, Cambodian, and Hmong refugee resettlement in our state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Washington State continue to uphold the values of compassion and inclusion and support refugees who seek safety, a bright future, and the promise of America.

With the consent of the House, HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4649 was adopted.

RESOLUTION

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-4654, by Representatives Leavitt, Zahn, Eslick, Dufault, Bronoske, Street, Richards, Ryu, Thai, Parshley, Scott, and Stuebe

WHEREAS, Tony Ventrella served his country, the State of Washington, and his local communities with passion and kindness; and

WHEREAS, He served in the U.S. Army Reserve before chasing his dream of becoming a sportscaster; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ventrella brought his talents from Fort Wayne, Indiana to Seattle to be a sportscaster at KOMO 4 in 1981 and KING 5 hired him as Sports Director in 1982; and

WHEREAS, For the next 20 years, he was the leading sports anchor in the Seattle market and a fixture in the homes of hundreds of thousands of Washingtonians who watched him every night on the evening news; and

WHEREAS, He played a key role in building Washington's sports community, known for his effectiveness, smile, positive attitude, humor, and wit with segments like the KING 5 "Wrestling Hold of the Week"; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, he joined the Seattle Seahawks as the Digital Media Host and was the on-camera host for the Seattle Sounders; and

WHEREAS, His work behind the scenes to support local businesses and his countless community service activities often went unnoticed or unknown; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his over 40-year career in the media, Mr. Ventrella still found time to speak at nonprofits, schools, churches, and assisted living centers, and volunteer in his community by starting a community theater program, hosting fundraisers, mentoring young people, and staffing the local fruit and produce stand in Newcastle; and

WHEREAS, After four decades in broadcasting and community service, Mr. Ventrella served on the City of Newcastle Community Activities Commission from 2016 to 2019, was elected to the Newcastle City Council in 2020, and served as Deputy Mayor until 2021; and

WHEREAS, In 2022, Mr. Ventrella continued his lifelong career of connecting Washingtonians through storytelling, doing interviews with elected leaders and community members for King County TV's "Community Conversations" program; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ventrella passed away from cancer on October 19, 2024, at the age of 80; and

WHEREAS, He is remembered by one of his favorite quotes, "People may forget what you say to them, but they will never forget how you made them feel";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives hereby honor Tony Ventrella for his dedication to covering and promoting Washington's sports teams and excellent service to his local community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize Tony Ventrella for his inspirational spirit, his humor, and the pride and joy he brought to the residents across the entire state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives honor and extend the warmest appreciation to Mr. Ventrella's family for sharing him with sports fans across Washington.

With the consent of the House, HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4654 was adopted.

RESOLUTION

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-4656, by Representative Schmidt

WHEREAS, The Ridgeline High School Falcons Volleyball Team in Liberty Lake, with their first trip to the state tournament in 2024, demonstrated remarkable perseverance, teamwork, and determination, culminating in their victory at the Class 3A State Volleyball Championship in Yakima, Washington; and

WHEREAS, The Falcons went undefeated in the Greater Spokane League and claimed the district championship, securing a spot in the state tournament; and

WHEREAS, The Falcons triumphed through a series of intense, five-set matches, including a hard-fought final against North Thurston, claiming the state title with a 18-25, 25-13, 21-25, 25-13, 15-6 victory; and

WHEREAS, Key contributions came from Ridgeline's players, including Brooklyn Hillman, Ryan Libey, Reagan Rothley, Jade Livingston, Olivia Phipps, Araleigh Arnold, Rahni Greene, Lizzy O'Connell, Kate Mulligan, Jane Holley, Bailey Hillman, Kyla Ross, and Brynlee Allred who displayed exceptional skills and teamwork throughout the tournament; and

WHEREAS, The victory was not only a testament to the individual talent of the players but also to the leadership and coaching of the Ridgeline Coaching Staff, whose vision, dedication, and commitment to the development of the program helped guide the team to this extraordinary achievement; and

WHEREAS, Ridgeline High School's volleyball program, founded only a few years ago in 2021, has grown into a powerhouse, demonstrating what can be achieved with hard work, putting your teammates first, and perseverance; and

WHEREAS, The Falcons' Class 3A State Title serves as an inspiration to all student-athletes, coaches, and communities throughout Washington State, exemplifying the values of sportsmanship, determination, and the pursuit of excellence;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives congratulate the Ridgeline High School Falcons Volleyball Team, their coaches, and their families on winning the 2024 Class 3A State Volleyball Championship; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to Ridgeline High School Volleyball Team, principal Jesse Hardt, and coach Whitney Abell.

With the consent of the House, HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4656 was adopted.

There being no objection, the House advanced to the third order of business.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Friday, April 4, 2025

Mme. Speaker:

The Senate has passed:

HOUSE BILL NO. 1114
HOUSE BILL NO. 1156
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1205
HOUSE BILL NO. 1341
SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1524
HOUSE BILL NO. 1615
HOUSE BILL NO. 1640
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1688
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1824
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1827

and the same are herewith transmitted.

Colleen Pehar, Deputy Secretary

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Saturday, April 5, 2025

Mme. Speaker:

The Senate has passed:

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5194
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL NO. 5195

and the same are herewith transmitted.

Sarah Bannister, Secretary

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Saturday, April 5, 2025

Mme. Speaker:

The Senate has passed:

HOUSE BILL NO. 1006
HOUSE BILL NO. 1064
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1133
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1281
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NO. 1385
ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1461

HOUSE BILL NO. 1631
HOUSE BILL NO. 1842

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading

and the same are herewith transmitted.

April 4, 2025

Sarah Bannister, Secretary

ESSB 5368

Prime Sponsor, Labor & Commerce:
Studying taxes and fees related to alcohol.
Reported by Committee on Finance

There being no objection, the House advanced to the fifth order of business.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

April 4, 2025

HB 1202

Prime Sponsor, Representative Tharinger:
Concerning state general obligation bonds
and related accounts. Reported by
Committee on Capital Budget

MAJORITY recommendation: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Representatives Tharinger, Chair; Callan, Vice Chair; Steele, Ranking Minority Member; Abbarno, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; McClintock, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Barnard; Davis; Dye; Eslick; Fosse; Hill; Leavitt; Morgan; Rule; Salahuddin; Stearns; Walsh and Zahn.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading

April 4, 2025

HB 1216

Prime Sponsor, Representative Tharinger:
Concerning the capital budget. Reported by
Committee on Capital Budget

MAJORITY recommendation: The substitute bill be substituted therefor and the substitute bill do pass. Signed by Representatives Tharinger, Chair; Callan, Vice Chair; Steele, Ranking Minority Member; Abbarno, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; McClintock, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Barnard; Davis; Dye; Eslick; Fosse; Hill; Leavitt; Morgan; Rule; Salahuddin; Stearns; Walsh and Zahn.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading

April 4, 2025

HB 2033

Prime Sponsor, Representative Stonier:
Concerning the taxation of nicotine products.
Reported by Committee on Finance

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Berg, Chair; Street, Vice Chair; Mena; Parshley; Ramel; Santos; Scott; Springer; Walen and Wylie.

MINORITY recommendation: Do not pass. Signed by Representatives Orcutt, Ranking Minority Member; Jacobsen, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Abell; Chase; and Penner.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations

April 4, 2025

SSB 5252

Prime Sponsor, Ways & Means: Removing
the acreage limit on the property tax
exemption for nonprofit public assembly
halls and meeting places. Reported by
Committee on Finance

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Berg, Chair; Street, Vice Chair; Orcutt, Ranking Minority Member; Jacobsen, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Abell; Chase; Mena; Parshley; Penner; Ramel; Santos; Scott; Springer; Walen and Wylie.

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass as amended.

Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the following:

"NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The Washington state institute for public policy must conduct a study regarding Washington state's current system of alcohol taxes and fees and alcohol administrative fees and produce a final report as described in this section.

(2) The final report must include the following information:

(a) The specific types of state alcohol taxes and fees applicable to spirits, beer, and wine, by product category, and including general taxes such as sales and business and occupation taxes;

(b) Current and historical alcohol tax and fee rates by tax or fee type;

(c) Annual sales in the state of spirits, wine, and beer in total and per capita from 2015 to 2024;

(d) Annual spirits, wine, and beer tax and fee revenues generated in the state from 2015 to 2024 in total and by tax or fee type;

(e) Annual spirits, wine, and beer tax and fee revenues per capita generated in the state from 2015 to 2024 in total and by tax or fee type;

(f) To the extent practicable, all of the following:

(i) An analysis of total and per capita spirits sales and related alcohol tax and fee revenues in other states, differentiated by whether the sale of off-premises spirits is controlled by the state or allowed by licensed private entities;

(ii) An analysis of total and per capita spirits sales and related tax and fee revenues in other states and countries differentiated by whether spirits taxation is based on volume, price, or alcohol content;

(iii) An analysis of total and per capita spirits, beer, and wine sales and tax and fee revenues in this state and other states by each applicable unit of measurement of alcohol content and volume, differentiated by product category;

(iv) An analysis of alcohol administrative fee amounts to determine the sufficiency of each fee to cover reasonable costs for efficient administration and enforcement. This shall include recommendations for either increases or decreases in any alcohol administrative fee pursuant to the findings of the study;

(v) An analysis of the impact of alcohol taxes and fees on prices and consumer consumption;

(vi) The information required in (c), (d), and (e) of this subsection ranging from 2008 to 2020;

(vii) Estimated costs to transition to an alcohol tax system in the state where alcohol tax rates are determined solely by the alcohol content of products, the estimated annual costs to administer this system, and the estimated tax revenue of this system;

(viii) Estimated tax rates for spirits, beer, and wine that would have to be applied to maintain a revenue neutral tax system in the state if tax rates were based solely on the alcohol content of products; and

(ix) An analysis of the economic impact of the state's breweries, wineries, and distilleries, and potential changes to the economic impact if alcohol tax rates were based solely on the alcohol content of products. For the purposes of this subsection, "economic impact" includes the number and average wage of local jobs.

(3) The Washington state institute for public policy must submit a final report to the relevant committees of the legislature by June 30, 2026.

(4) The liquor and cannabis board and department of revenue must cooperate with the Washington state institute for public policy to provide data relevant to this study.

(5) The definitions in this subsection apply throughout this section unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

(a) "Alcohol taxes and fees" means alcohol taxes and fees where the amount of the tax or fee is based on the sales price, sales volume, or alcohol content of an alcohol product; and

(b) "Alcohol administrative fees" means any liquor license, liquor permit, or liquor endorsement fee set either by statute or by rule and administered by the liquor and cannabis board, including fees for retail licenses.

(6) This section expires July 1, 2026."

Correct the title.

Signed by Representatives Berg, Chair; Street, Vice Chair; Parshley; Ramel; Santos; Springer; Walen and Wylie.

MINORITY recommendation: Without recommendation. Signed by Representatives Orcutt, Ranking Minority Member; Jacobsen, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Abell; Chase; Mena; Penner; and Scott.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading

April 4, 2025

SSB 5516

Prime Sponsor, Ways & Means: Modifying the property tax exemption for community centers. Reported by Committee on Finance

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Berg, Chair; Street, Vice Chair; Orcutt, Ranking Minority Member; Jacobsen, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Abell; Chase; Mena; Parshley; Penner; Ramel; Santos; Scott; Springer; Walen and Wylie.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading

April 4, 2025

ESB 5529

Prime Sponsor, Senator Gildon: Amending the county population threshold for counties that may exempt from taxation the value of

accessory dwelling units to incentivize rental to low-income households. Reported by Committee on Finance

MAJORITY recommendation: Do pass. Signed by Representatives Berg, Chair; Street, Vice Chair; Orcutt, Ranking Minority Member; Jacobsen, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Abell; Chase; Mena; Parshley; Penner; Ramel; Santos; Scott; Springer; Walen and Wylie.

Referred to Committee on Rules for second reading

There being no objection, the bills listed on the day's committee reports under the fifth order of business were referred to the committees so designated.

There being no objection, the House adjourned until 9:55 a.m., Tuesday, April 8, 2025, the 86th Day of the 2025 Regular Session.

LAURIE JINKINS, Speaker

BERNARD DEAN, Chief Clerk

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